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[Prva Hrvatska Stedionica]

[Zagreb, Yugoslavia]

Zagreb. 12th April 1930.

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.

c.o. The American Numismatic Society

Broadway at 16th Street

New-York.

Dear Sir:

Already three decades I am engaged in numismatic collections and although my leisure is limited as I am a bank clerk, I suppose that I may consider myself lucky with the results achieved. This I have to contribute to a good organisation of my agents in Balcanic States and in the Asia minor. As the greater part of "Macedonia" as an issue of the war belonged to Jugoslavia, I have draw my special attention to the Kings of Macedonia, and I posses from them a pretty collection. Naturally that my friends-agents furnish me and with the other pieces, which I generally give as a donation to the Croatian National Museum at Zagreb, of which I am emissary, or I else give such pieces in exchange with the others.

At the end of 1929 my agent in Greece has astonished me with a larger parcel containing silver and bronze coins, which he has procured himself when travelling through Thessalia. When I have put aside the coins, the Kings of Macedonia I have noticed some really noteworthy coins.

1/ My particular attention was drawn to a tetradrachma from MENDE which I could not have found in any of the known numismatic Edition which has been put at my disposal in the above named Museum. This coin is similar to a tetrobol with Kantaros /Amphora/. When I have perused this literature I could not help myself but to procure your "Numismatic Notes and Monographs" "The Mende /Kaliandra/ Hoard" the existence of your book has been known to me through the recension in "Arethuse" by Babelon. This your book I received on the 3rd inst. and I have been very glad to notice that my coin was not recorded there, namely that it is perhaps unknown. According to the enclosed relief in gypsum you could convince yourself what a fine art and work is /Paeonios/.

I assure you that in its fine style and workmanship beats all the coins already known, and that it is in every sense of the word unique. Besides, this coin /16.255 gr., 25 mm/ under the Kantharos on the reverse conspicuous on the gypsum relief made in our Museum.

2/ The second coin is in every way equal with the first : AMPHIPOLIS /14.56 gr, 23mm/. That it is Amphipolis in reality it is clear from the reverse - but avers is Chalcidice - head of Apollo. This stater is unknown and an important document for the history of Chalcidian League.

3/ A wonderfully beautiful piece ABDERA with a mark Amphora /15.66 gr, 24mm/ is also unknown and there is not trace of it in the publication of H.v.Fritze "Die autonomen Münzen von Abdera" Berlin 1909 as well as there is no trace of it in the other publications of London, Paris, Athenes, etc.

4/ THESE /12.05 gr. 24 mm/ B.M.C. lol and
5/ LOCRI OPUNTII /10.25 gr. 23 mm/ are very good conserved staters
which could be pride even of the greatest Museum.
But let the gypsum reliefs speak for themselves.
This parcel from Thessalie contained and the other pieces.

As I have mentioned at the commencement of this letter I collect
only the Macedonian Kings and therefore I do not place these forward
mentioned coins in my collection. In case you would find among the
members of your Society / or some Museums / the buyers for them, I
would be willing to buy them. Therefore I beg leave to request you
to inform the members of your hon. Society, and then please be so kind
and let me know their offers. As to their price you may take as a basis
the Cat. Naville from 1920. Up to that time I will receive your answer I
will nobody offer these coins neither I will give the gypsum reliefs.
Kindly apologise for my intrusion, and thanking you in advance
for your kindness, and hoping to hear from you on this subject, I re-
main, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

Please convey my greetings to the friends of
Zagreb, and to the friend of our Medals art

to Sir Langton, the member of your Society.

My address has been known to me through the book
of Stjepan H rčić, who has been very kind to let me know
that it is in every sense of the word a fine and most
valuable book. I have been very glad to let me know
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Jugoslavia / Dr. Prva Hrvatska Stedionica

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May 5, 1930

Stjepan Hrcic
Zagreb
Prva Hrvatska Stedionica
Jugoslavia, Europe

Dear Sir:

The package containing the casts of five coins has been duly received, and we are very much interested in the account you give of the activities of your agents in Greece. I regret to advise, however, that we consider at least three of these coins modern counterfeits, and this prejudices us against the genuineness of the others. The piece of Abdera and the one of Amphipolis seem to offer a possibility of being genuine. If you will communicate the figure at which you hold these pieces, and state whether you would submit them on approval in the event that your figure was an acceptable one, we should be glad to hear further from you. We should be glad also to hear of other coins that may have been acquired by you, and trust that the proportion of questionable pieces may have been lower than with the casts you sent us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Downing Jr.
Ex.

Zagreb 10th June 1930.

STJEPAN HRČIĆ
ZAGREB
PRVA HRVATSKA ŠTEDIONICA

Sydney P. Nos Esq.
Secretary of the
American Numismatic Society,
New York,

Dear Sir:

I have received your favour of 5th May, but owing to my absence from Zagreb I was unable to reply to you previously. All this while I was collecting informations about the coins I offered you, and in this connection I beg to inform you the following,

AMPHIPOLIS, THEBE and LOCRI OPUNTII are according to the opinion of our and foreign experts, suspicious coins, which I would submit for inspection later to the experts in the most european centres. When I would obtain their opinion I would refer once more to you in this matter.

The same experts have proclaimed on the contrary the enclosed MENDE and "ABDERA" as the coins of perfect beauty and design, which are remarkably rare. On the coin MENDE I draw your attention to 2 brand-letters on revers: A on the left side and M / or \leq / on the right sight of the Kantharos, and with the ABDERA on a peculiar "doppel druck" border of dot.

In the middle of the past month Miss Dorothy H. Cox paid a visit to me while making her european tour, whom I have told and shown the pieces I have sent you. By this opportunity I was told that your assistant collect "BARBARS" therefore I beg leave to enclose in the present parcel 3 pieces variants of "NORICUM" from the fund in Samobor by Zagreb. The whole of this fund I bought from paysants for the Museum of Zagreb, and now the description / monography / of this fund is being made. I posses only 5 coins of this fund. Further

1 Danubian Kelt found in the vicinity of Križevci, /Croatia/ and
1 Barb Thraciae found in the vicinity of Negotin /Serbia/

According to your wish I give you below the prices of these my coins.

NORICA /1 piece/ at	\$ 10.--
DANUBIAN KELT at	\$ 20.--
BARB. THRACIAE at	\$ 10.--

Concerning MENDE I am informed that the known pieces have been purchased at a price of \$ 187.50 /RM 750.--/. However as this coin is being unknown yet I give it up to you to fix resp. price.

For the ABDERA I have an offer for \$ 125.- /RM 500.-/ from an important collector from Germany who has visited me these last days and who is paying much attention and cares especially for MENDE, but I have not accepted his offer owing to my obligation to you.

Awaiting with interest your reply I remain Dear Sir,

P.s. the eventual remittances kindly remit
through the National City Bank of N.Y.
to Prva Hrvatska Štedionica, Zagreb,

Yours faithfully

Stjepan Hrčić

Donning, Lodigj Express
16 Bridge St

Dear Sir

We are sending a package of
coins by 1st Class mail, registered, valued at
\$400.00 to the address below. Registry Receipt
684106 - kindly insure this for \$400.00
as usual - Coins are securely wrapped in
cotton between corrugated card board and sealed
in a linen envelope which is covered by a
manilla envelope and sealed with wax.

Address of package

Stjepan Hrčić
Trva Hrvatska Stedionica
Zagreb
Yugoslavia

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